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FOR FIVE-YEAR HEALTH PROGRAMME TO VIETNAMESE

(THE FOLLOWING IS REPRODUCED AS RECEIVED FROM WHO'S LIAISON  
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AN APPEAL FOR \$75 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTIONS FOR A FIVE-YEAR  
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR NORTH AND SOUTH  
VIETNAMESE WAS LAUNCHED DURING A RECENTLY CONCLUDED TWO-DAY  
MEETING HELD IN MANILA AT THE REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN  
PACIFIC OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO).

THE APPEAL RESULTED IN INITIAL PLEDGES FROM TWO COUNTRIES.  
THE PHILIPPINES PLEDGED, YEARLY FOR THREE YEARS, 100,000

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DOES OF VACCINE EACH AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS AND SMALLPOX,

PLUS 50,000 DOES AGAINST CHOLERA.

MALAYSIA PLEDGED AN INITIAL CONTRIBUTION OF M\$20,000.

THIRTEEN COUNTRIES ATTENDED THE MEETING, HELD MARCH 30-31, INCLUDING THE TWO VIET-NAMS. TEN OF THE 13 COUNTRIES ATTENDING ARE MEMBERS OF WHO'S WESTERN PACIFIC REGION:

AUSTRALIA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, FRANCE, JAPAN, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND SINGAPORE.

THREE COUNTRIES SENT OBSERVERS: CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, AND SWEDEN.

DR. FRANCISCO J. DY, WHO'S REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SAID THE MEETING SHOWED "IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO VIET-NAMS AND OTHER COUNTRIES ... THE VIETNAMESE HAVE EXTENDED THEIR HANDS FOR HELP AND CO-OPERATION. THE OTHERS HAVE REACHED OUT. TO ME, THIS IS TRULY SIGNIFICANT".

THE TWO VIET-NAMS WERE EACH REPRESENTED BY A FIVE-MEMBER DELEGATION.

IN AN ADDRESS TO THE MEETING, DR. HOANG DINH CAU, VICE-MINISTER OF HEALTH, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, SAID "...WE SHALL WELCOME ANY ASSISTANCE FROM OUR FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT WOULD HELP US RAPIDLY RESTORE THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SO MUCH, AND WHO SO DESERVINGLY ENJOY THE RIGHT TO HEALTH ... AS ANY OTHER NATION IN THE WORLD".

DR. TRAN NGOC DANG, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF HEALTH, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, SAID INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE "SHOULD NOT BE A QUESTION OF PITY OR CHARITY, BUT A CONTRIBUTION IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH ETHICS.

"THE FINAL RESOLUTION OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, IN GENEVA, MAY 29, 1975, VOTING FOR A SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSISTANCE TO VIET-NAM, REFLECTED FAITHFULLY THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH ..."

FOLLOWING THE RESOLUTION, AND AFTER MONTHS OF CONSULTATIONS, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCURRED WITH A WHO PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING HEALTH PROBLEMS TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:

-- FOR THE NORTH: (1) RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH

SERVICES AT COMMUNAL, DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS WHICH INCLUDE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICES; (2) PROGRAMMES TO COMBAT MALARIA, TUBERCULOSIS, LEPROSY AND AN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAMME OF HIGH PRIORITY THAT SEEKS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN PRODUCTION OF VACCINE; (3) A FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMME, THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF WHICH IS TO ACHIEVE A RATE OF NATURAL INCREASE NOT EXCEEDING 20 PER THOUSAND IN 1976-1978; (4) BASIC TEACHING EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND AUXILIARY TRAINING INSTITUTIONS; (5) PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS.

-- FOR THE SOUTH: (1) RECONSTRUCTION OF HEALTH SERVICES; (2) HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICES; (3) PROGRAMMES IN THE CONTROL OF MALARIA, TUBERCULOSIS, LEPROSY, VENEREAL DISEASES AND DRUG ADDICTION AND IN IMMUNIZATION; (4) FAMILY HEALTH; (5) HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND (6) PRODUCTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS.

THE REPORT ALSO SHOWED THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES OF VENEREAL DISEASE AND PARA-VD HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT 850,000 OUT OF A TOTAL POPULATION IN THE SOUTH OF 22 MILLION. IN ADDITION ABOUT 250,000 PERSONS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE DRUG ADDICTS.

THESE PROBLEMS, APPARTNELTY ABSENT IN THE NORTH, COMPOUND THE HEALTH SITUATION IN THE SOUTH.

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